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## Geoffrey Harris

DEPUTY HEAD, EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT LIAISON OFFICE WITH THE  
U.S. CONGRESS

Geoffrey Harris began his role as deputy head of the European Parliament Liaison Office with the U.S. Congress in July 2012. Prior to that, Harris had been the head of the Human Rights Unit within the European Parliament's Directorate-General for external policies. This unit provided the back-up for the Human Rights sub-committee, a parliamentary body working within the EP Foreign Affairs Committee. A longtime European Parliament official, he was in

charge of inter-parliamentary relations with countries in Europe but outside the EU, coordinating relations with the parliaments of all countries involved in the enlargement process, as well as Russia and the EU's eastern neighbors (1992–2004), a diplomatic advisor to the president of Parliament (1989–92), worked for the center left Socialist Group (1976–89).